hunting, indroduction of new and varied species of animals and birds from other countries and also the prevention of poaching and such other offences in Reserved Forests.

(*b*) Rs. 6,983 till the 1st Karkadakom 1112.

(*c*) Since his appointment the Game Warden has taken steps to foster public interest in the matter of game preservation and a Game Association has already been formed with His Highness the Maharaja as Patron. The Rules for the active functioning of the Association have been issued. A Game Sanctuary has been made at Nellikampatty in the Periyar Lake where wild life is left in perfect peace to breed and multiply. At Edapalayam a Shooting Box has recently been constructed for visitors to stay and cruise to Periyar Lake and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the surrounding hills and forests.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : May I know the number of Game Associations formed by the present incumbent?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI ; One.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the date on which that Association was formed?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI : About two years ago.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI ; May I know the name of the species of animals introduced from other parts of India?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI : No new animals have been introduced so far.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have considered the question of giving any extension to the present incumbent?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI : I am not in a position to reply.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know when the present period will expire?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI : It expires at the end of Thulam 1113.

Public Works in Kottayam Division.

209 ***MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** : Will the Government be pleased to state what amount they have spent within the last five years on public works in Kottayam Division?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : A sum of Rs. 27,72,229.

President of the Trivandrum Municipality.

210 ***MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum Town*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the period for which the Trivandrum Municipality had a full-time President ;

(*b*) the grounds on which a full time President is now considered unnecessary ;

(*c*) whether there is not enough work for a full-time President,

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(*d*) whether the present arrangement was made with the approval of the Municipal Council;

(*e*) the functions devolving on the present incumbent, other than those relating to the Presidentship of the Municipality;

(*f*) the time he devotes to each of his functions;

(*g*) whether the President is paid from the municipal funds;

(*h*) whether the pay of the present President has been agreed to by the Municipal Council;

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, whether the Council agreed to that pay for a full time President or a part time President;

(*j*) whether he is paid separately for his other functions and, if so, what; and

(*k*) how long the Government propose to continue the present arrangement?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) From 13-2-1088 till this date.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Those of Honorary Secretary Sri Chitra Home for the Destitute and the Infirm and of Honorary Officer in charge of Public Gardens and the Zoo.

(*f*) No definite apportionment. Such spare time as may be available after attending to the duties connected with the main work as Municipal President is utilised for other works.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*j*) No.

(*k*) Until other arrangements are found necessary.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether, according to Government, the President of the Trivandrum Municipality who is also in charge of the Public Gardens and the Zoo is a full-time President of the Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The answer is already there. Government regard him as a full time President.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know what according to Government would be part-time work?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Municipal President is also the honorary officer in charge of the Public Gardens and the Zoo and he can attend to that work without prejudice to his fulltime work as President.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the Public Gardens and the Zoo had a full-time officer formerly?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: At one time there was a full-time officer in charge of the Public Gardens, the Zoo and the Museum.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know how long that arrangement continued?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I don't know the exact period, but I think it continued for several years.

MR. A THANU PILLAI: May I know what time an officer is expected to devote to the Public Gardens and the Zoo?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: As much as he can spare.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know what time will be required to discharge the functions of the officer in charge of the Public Gardens and the Zoo properly?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government consider that the present officer can very well attend to the work in the Gardens and the Zoo without prejudice to his work as President of the Municipality.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Am I to understand that the ability of the officer in question was taken into consideration in making this arrangement or whether it was made in consideration of public interest?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The arrangement has been made on considerations of public interest generally.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: With reference to part (f) of the answer may I know how the work in the gardens would be attended to in case this officer is not able to find spare time for a number of days after discharging his work as President of the Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: If owing to absence of the officer on leave or on some other ground he is not able to attend to his duties in the Public Gardens and the Zoo, another responsible officer in the Zoo who will look after his work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Who is that officer?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The officer next to him in the establishment of the Public Gardens and the Zoo?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the Municipal President gets any remuneration in the shape of money or other facilities or conveniences for being in charge of the Zoo and the Gardens?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: He gets a conveyance allowance of Rs. 25/- per mensem and he lives in a building belonging to Government within the gardens.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know why he is given a conveyance allowance for being in charge of the Zoo? Is it for going round the Zoo?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: He has to go from the Gardens to the Municipal Office and vice versa.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether he gets that conveyance allowance as President of the Municipallty or as officer in charge of the gardens?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: As officer in charge of the gardens.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the conveyance allowance is given in order to see that he resides within the gardens?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR N. KUNJAN PILLAI: He has to go from the Gardens to the Municipal Office.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether he gets a conveyance allowance as Municipal President?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether he is also given a free house.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, but not as President of the Municipal Council. He lives in a Government building within the Public Gardens.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether it is a free house?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I would like to get a reasonable answer as to why he is given a conveyance allowance to be in charge of the Gardens and the Zoo. Is it because, if he lives elsewhere, he will have to go to the Municipal Office?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have already answered that question. If any further information is required I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (i), May I know whether the Municipality agreed to give this pay for an officer who devoted all his time to the Municipality or to one who devoted part of his time to the Municipality and the other part to other public duties?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: He works as the full-time President of the Municipality. After doing such work he may have spare time and it is only during such time that he is attending to the duties of the honorary officer in charge of the Public Gardens and the Zoo.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: My question was whether the Municipal Council agreed to his pay as full-time officer or as part-time officer?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Council agreed to the pay of the President as a full-time officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then is not the present arrangement a different one?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I rise to a point of order, Sir. I wish to get a ruling whether any member of this House has got a right to convert the floor of the House into a place of cross examination.

PRESIDENT: Cross-examination is not allowed. But pertinacity in questioning is allowed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that when a Municipal Officer does work for the Government the remuneration he gets for such work has to be accounted for to the Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The present President is given only a conveyance allowance which he need not account for to the Municipality.

Washing facilities for Varnavars.

211 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions praying for the removal of the inconvenience caused to the Varnavars residing in the town of Trivandrum in regard to their means of communication to the washing place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

Havoc done by wild animals in Mundakayam and Peermade.

212. ***MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the havoc done by wild animals in Mundakayam and Peermade?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: No.

Road leading to Thiruvammandur Sirkar Temple.

213. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road leading from the M. C. road to the Thiruvammandur Sirkar temple in Tiruvalla taluk is under departmental maintenance; and

(*b*) whether they or the P. W. D. are aware that the above road is now unfit for traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Road connecting Palai-Ponkunnam road with the Erattupetta-Kanjirapally road.

214. ***MR. A. J. JOHN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Elikkulam, Panamattom and other surrounding places in the Akalakunnam pakuthy, Kottayam taluk, to take possession of and maintain the road the people have constructed some years back, connecting the Palai-Ponkunnam road with the Erattupetta-Kanjirappally road; and

(*b*) what steps they have taken in the matter?

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